



# KNIGHTDALE

## OLD TOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

**April 14, 2016**

The Knightdale Old Town Advisory Committee met at 7:00 p.m. at the Knightdale Chamber of Commerce Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Billy Wilder, Mike Marsh, Brandon McLean, Donald Joyner

LURB MEMBER LIAISON PRESENT: No One

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: No One

ABSENT: Bernice Dupree

Staff Members Present: Jason Brown, Senior Planner Long Range; Donna Tierney, Planning Technician

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wilder at 7:01 p.m.

ITEM I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
...**Motion by Mr. Marsh to approve the minutes of March 10, 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Joyner and carried unanimously.**

ITEM II. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ITEM III. NEW BUSINESS  
A. Transit Update  
Senior Planner Long Range Jason Brown introduced David Powe, Transit Grassroots Organizer, with WakeUp Wake County who will discuss the Recommended Wake County Transit Plan.

Mr. Powe shared a presentation on the Wake County Transit Plan. He explained that the recommended plan expands opportunities by providing more access to employment, schools, healthcare, and grocery stores, grows the economy, helps guide how and where land is developed, and is associated with more active and healthier living.

In 2015, input was received from all municipalities and the following four big moves were defined: 1. stronger regional connections; 2. Connections to all communities; 3. frequent reliable service; 4. enhanced access to transit.

This recommended plan will be funded by a half-cent local sales tax, new \$7 county vehicle registration fee, increase from \$5 to \$8 regional vehicle registration fee, an existing 5% vehicle rental tax, and fare box revenue.

Mr. Powe closed his presentation by encouraging members to vote for the recommended plan on November 8 this year.

Mr. Marsh inquired about data on how many people ride the bus. Mr. Brown answered that the ridership has trended down recently, but that he would send out the monthly data to members.

Chairman Wilder asked about the long range use of the Norfolk Southern tracks. Mr. Powe answered that they could utilize the rail system if density increases in 30-50 years but right now it does not make sense to include it in the plan.

B. Great Places Application

Mr. Brown shared information on the American Planning Association, North Carolina Chapter Great Places program. Development Services will be submitting an application for North First Avenue in the category of Great Main Street In-the- Making.

ITEM IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Railroad Crossings/John Rex Endowment Grant Update

Mr. Brown stated that the project is still in review with DOT and he does not have any additional updates.

Chairman Wilder commented on the lack of turn lanes on Fayetteville Street into the Glenmere subdivision.

B. Caboose Museum Follow-Up

Mr. Brown informed members that he was able to visit the caboose museum in Washington, NC and will present his findings at next month's meeting.

C. Mural Discussion Follow-Up

Chairman Wilder explained that the building housing La Mexicanita Bakery is now owned by Larry Johnson's ex-wife, Gayle, and she has received the letter from the Town regarding the proposed mural project. Chairman Wilder further stated that she seemed to be generally okay with the idea but wanted to get the renter's opinion as well.

D. Front Yard Parking Ordinance

Mr. Brown recapped the previous meeting's findings that staff would look at problem areas. The Code Enforcement Officer found five instances of junk vehicles during his patrol of the Old Town area. Since the P&E Committee did not meet this month there are not any additional updates. Chairman Wilder and Mr. Joyner shared that they do not view the issue as a priority at this time.

ITEM V. MEMBER INQUIRIES/REPORTS

A. Staff Follow-Up on Previous Month's Inquiries


None at this time.

B. New Inquiries/Reports

Mr. McLean inquired about the status of Latitudes. Chairman Wilder shared that he spoke with the new operator today and that it will be a new sports bar called Cassidy's.

ITEM VI. ADJOURNMENT

**...Motion by Mr. McLean to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Joyner and carried unanimously.**

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Billy Wilder, Old Town Advisory Committee Chairman

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Donna Tierney, Planning Technician